

**Village of Elk Rapids Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26, 2021 at 7 P.M.**  
**Held in person at 315 Bridge St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Royce Ragland
  - a. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Led by Ragland.
  - b. **ROLL CALL**:  
**Commissioners Present**: Royce Ragland, Julie Farrell, Barb Mullaly, Wally Hibbard, Kim Ranger, Dave Lein & Matt Conrad  
**Absent**: No one  
**Staff Present**: Planning & Zoning Administrator Kerri Janisse  
**Citizens Present**: 10 in person, 27 online
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**: **Motion**: Mullaly **Second**: Conrad to accept October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 agenda. By unanimous consent, **Motion carried**.
3. **MINUTES**: **Motion**: Hibbard **Second**: Ranger to accept September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. By unanimous consent, **Motion carried**.
4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**: None.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**: Two citizens spoke
6. **PUBLIC HEARING**: None.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**:
  - a. **Guest Speaker**: Keith Schneider spoke via Zoom about Northern MI becoming a climate haven for the U.S. Four questions were asked.
  - b. **112 Dexter St**: Michael Sherman with Socks Construction spoke briefly about the inn they would like to build downtown Elk Rapids
  - c. **Housing North Summit**: Briefly updated Commission on some of the ideas presented at the Summit. Housing Summit information was sent to Commissioners by Kerri Janisse via email
  - d. **Joint Meeting with Township**: No meeting, currently, until next year
  - e. **Shoreline Assessment Plan**: a brief update was given by Chair Ragland. Milton Twp Resident, Bob Kingon, from ESLA, spoke about their process for new residents.

**9. REPORTS:**

- a. **Staff** – Kerri Janisse reported on permit update, Housing Summit, Housing Taskforce and introduced new Treasurer, Kristine Davis.
- b. **Planning Commission Chair** – updated Commission on RV ordinance public hearing at Village Council Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Currently, the Commission is not going to be doing any further review.
- c. **Village Council Representative** – Barb Mullaly reported there was an audit presentation at the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting and that Municode is updating ordinances, and now including the Zoning Code. It will all be one document/center. Barb also spoke about issues at Birch Lake and foliage being removed.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**11. CALENDAR REVIEW:** The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in person on Tuesday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Government Center located at 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Hibbard **Second:** Mullaly. By unanimous consent, **Motion Carried.**